

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3053
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018

IFS OFFICERS BELONGING TO SC/ST AND OBC

3053. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of officers belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) appointed in various embassies/commissions abroad during the last three years and as on date;
- (b) the details of the norms followed for their appointment;
- (c) the number of IFS officers belonging to SC, ST, and OBC working in the Ministry as on date, category-wise; and
- (d) the measures being taken by Government for the appointment of officers belonging to the said categories in Indian Missions in proportion to their population?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) As per records, 67 SC, 44 ST and 87 OBC officers belonging to the Indian Foreign Service are posted in various Embassies/High Commissions abroad as on date.
- (b) Indian Foreign Service Officers, including the officers belonging to the SC, ST and OBC are posted/transferred to various Indian Missions/Posts abroad on the recommendation of the Foreign Service Board based on availability of posts, suitability and seniority.
- (c) As on date the category wise break-up of IFS officers belonging to SC, ST and OBC working in the Ministry of External Affairs and Missions/Posts abroad is as follows:

| S. No. | Category | No. |
|---------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1 | Scheduled Caste | 106 |
| 2 | Scheduled Tribes | 59 |
| 3 | Other Backward Class | 137 |
| 4 | General | 494 |
| | Total | 796 |

- (d) The posting/transfer of officers belonging to the Indian Foreign Service are done on the recommendations of the Foreign Service Board based on availability of posts, suitability, seniority and rotation principle. All the postings and transfers are done in public interest taking into consideration functional requirement of MEA headquarters in New Delhi and the Missions/Posts abroad.
